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# EXCALIBUR

THEIR FUTURE COMES  
BACK TO HAUNT  
THEM!

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PRESENTS:

# THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGIN' \*000000

AGAIN, SHE RELIVES  
THAT HORRIBLE  
MOMENT--

-- THE DEATH  
OF ONE THAT  
WAS MORE THAN  
A FRIEND!

HIS NAME IS  
FRANKLIN RICHARDS--

-- AND IN THE ALTERNATE,  
FUTURE TIME CONTINUUM  
IN WHICH SHE ONCE LIVED,  
SHE WITNESSED HIS  
ANNIHILATION AT  
THE HANDS OF THE  
SENTINELS...

...UNABLE  
TO DO  
ANYTHING  
TO SAVE  
HIM!

\* YET ANOTHER TALE  
FROM BEFORE THE  
CROSS-TIME CAPER!

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SHE SLEEPS FITFULLY AS THE NIGHTMARE IS REPLAYED IN THE DARKEST REGIONS OF HER SUBCONSCIOUSNESS.

IT IS A MOMENT RACHEL WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO FORGET...

...UNLESS, OF COURSE, SOMETHING COMPELS HER TO-- A FORCE THAT CAN TAMPER WITH HER VERY MIND.

AND, THAT IS PRECISELY WHAT IS HAPPENING!

ONCE MORE, RACHEL'S THOUGHTS FLASH TO THE MOMENTS THAT PRECEDED THE FATEFUL OCCURRENCE. THIS TIME HOWEVER, THINGS WILL BE DIFFERENT!



THIS OLD SUBWAY TUNNEL WILL TAKE US INTO THE HEART O' MANHATTAN.

HOW'S KATE, COLOSSUS? UNCONSCIOUS, WOLVERINE. I HOPE SHE REMAINS SO. THE LESS KITTY KNOWS OF WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HER--AND WHAT MAY HAPPEN TO HER--

--THE BETTER.

EH?



ABOVE US! THAT SOUND!

SENTINELS!



IT'S ALL RIGHT, FRANKLIN! I'LL TAKE CARE OF THEM!

THANKS, RACHE! YOU SAVED MY LIFE!

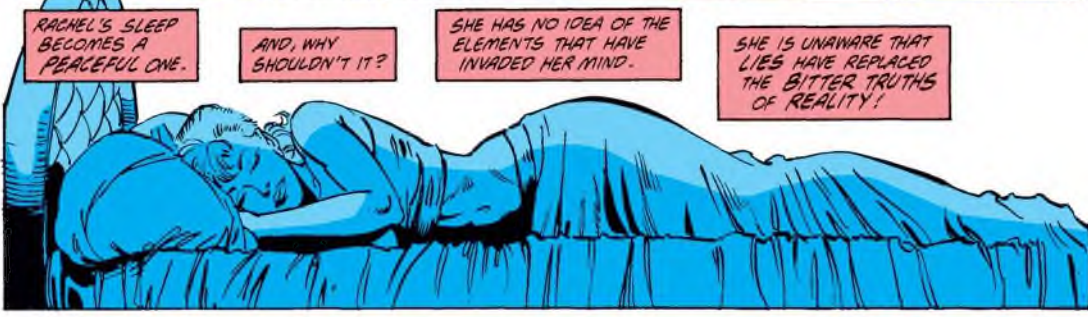
A NOBLE DEATH IS STILL A DEATH AND THAT'S SOMETHING I'M NOT READY FOR YET!



I'M AS SICK OF DEATH AS ANYONE, SO HOW ABOUT WE JUST GET ON WITH THIS LITTLE MISSION BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE FOR ALL OF US!

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO, TAKE YOU GUYS BY THE HANDS? \*

\* FOR THE EVENTS AS THEY ACTUALLY OCCURRED--ER, WILL OCCUR?--CHECK OUT X-MEN #141--TERRY



RACHEL'S SLEEP BECOMES A PEACEFUL ONE.

AND, WHY SHOULDN'T IT?

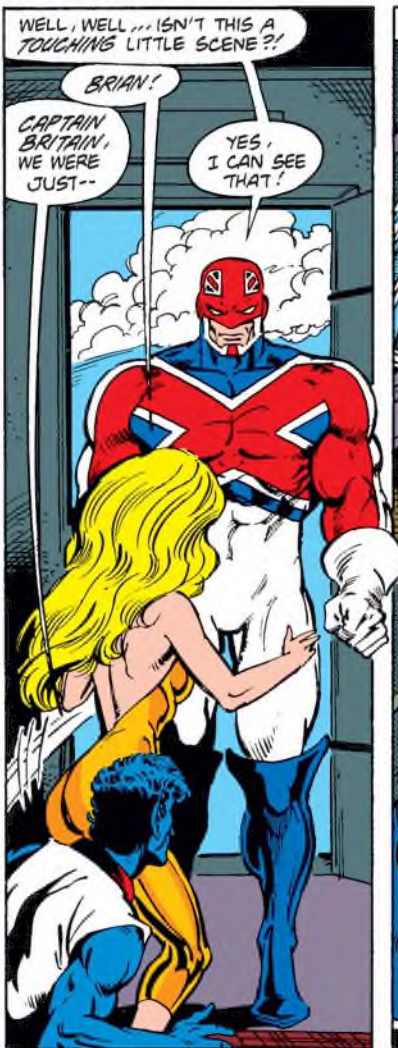
SHE HAS NO IDEA OF THE ELEMENTS THAT HAVE INVADDED HER MIND.

SHE IS UNAWARE THAT LIES HAVE REPLACED THE BITTER TRUTHS OF REALITY!











STAYING AROUND HERE ISN'T GOING TO MAKE YOU FEEL ANY BETTER, MEGGAN.

LIKE THE MAN SAID, LET'S GET FAR AWAY FROM HERE!

YOU KNOW WHAT, YOU FURRY LITTLE ANGEL...

... YOU'RE RIGHT!

NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL TAKING THE INITIATIVE!

SHE FINALLY SEEMS TO BE COMING AROUND--BUT I'VE GOT TO BE CAREFUL. CAN'T MOVE TOO QUICKLY WITH SOMEONE WHO'S OBVIOUSLY ON THE REBOUND.

WE BOTH HAVE TO BE SURE OF WHAT WE'RE DOING!

AND, THERE'S NO TELLING HOW BRIAN IS GOING TO REACT!

HE HARDLY SEEMS TO BE THE MAN I KNEW!

UH, MEGGAN, I COULD HAVE TELEPORTED US.

IT WOULD BE BETTER IF YOU SAVED YOUR STRENGTH FOR SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT!

ANY IDEA WHERE WE'RE HEADING.

NOWHERE IN PARTICULAR, KURT.

JUST SOMEPLACE THAT WE CAN BE ALONE!

I KNOW, I KNOW! I'M GETTING TO BE A REGULAR STICK-IN-THE-MUD!

GUESS IT'S JUST THE CRAZY LIVES WE LEAD. IT'S EASY TO OVERLOOK THE SIMPLER PLEASURES.

IT DOES CUT OUT THE PROBLEM OF TRANSPORTATION!

IT IS A PERFECT DAY TO GET OUT FOR A LITTLE STROLL.

LUCKILY YOU'RE TELEKINETIC AND I'M LIGHTER THAN AIR!

I'M TELLING YOU, TOM, THERE'RE TWO DAMES OVER THERE WALKING ON THE WATER!

IS THIS PART OF THAT "MESSIAH COMPLEX" OF YOURS AGAIN?

UHH-UH! THEY'RE REALLY THERE! I'M TELLIN' YA!

YEAH, AN' I GOTTA TELL YOU SOMETHING--JUST RELAX AND HAVE ANOTHER BEER!

OR, BETTER YET, A GINGER ALE! SOUNDS LIKE YOU'VE ALREADY HAD ONE TOO MANY!

SHEESH! SOME GUNS!





I THINK I'LL LEAVE THIS UP TO YOU! I'M GOING OVER TO SOFTWARE CENTRAL FOR SOME REAL EXCITEMENT! I'LL MEET UP WITH YOU LATER AT THE COFFEE SHOP.

YOU JUST KEEP LOOKING!







F-FRANK...?

YES...?



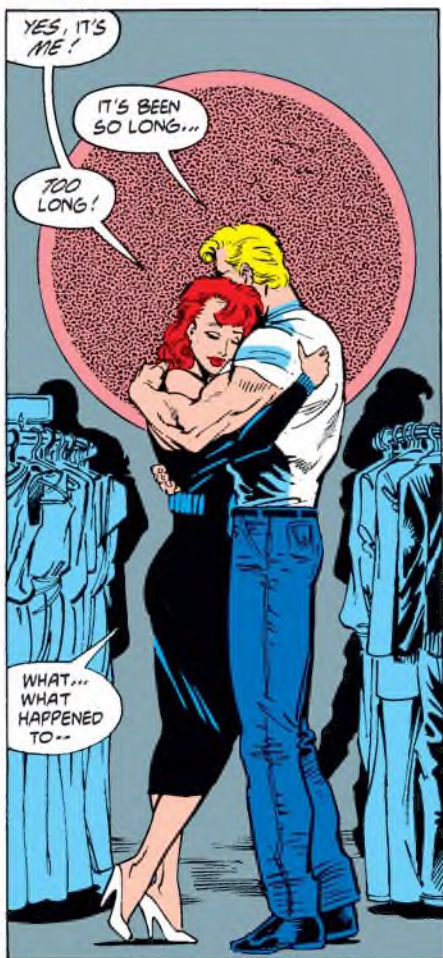
RACHEL!

I DIDN'T  
THINK I'D  
EVER SEE  
YOU AGAIN!



IT CAN'T BE!

CAN IT?



YES, IT'S  
ME!

IT'S BEEN  
SO LONG...

TOO  
LONG!

WHAT...  
WHAT  
HAPPENED  
TO--



KATE...?

THE PLAN WORKED  
LIKE A CHARM!

PROJECT NIMROD  
WAS A TREMENDOUS  
SUCCESS!

ONLY NIMROD  
HIMSELF ESCAPED--  
FLED BACK IN TIME  
TO THIS ERA!

THAT'S  
WHY KATE  
SENT ME HERE! THERE  
ARE A FEW LOOSE ENDS  
TO TIE UP!

DON'T WORRY,  
FRANK!



WE'LL TAKE  
CARE OF HIM--  
TOGETHER!

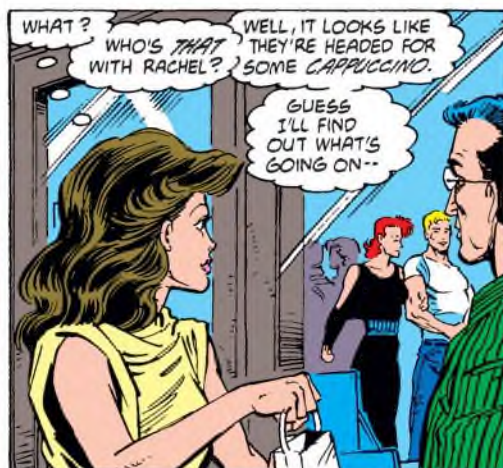
I GUESS TOP SECRET  
CYBERBOTICS DOESN'T  
STAND A CHANCE!

YOU CAN SAY  
THAT AGAIN!

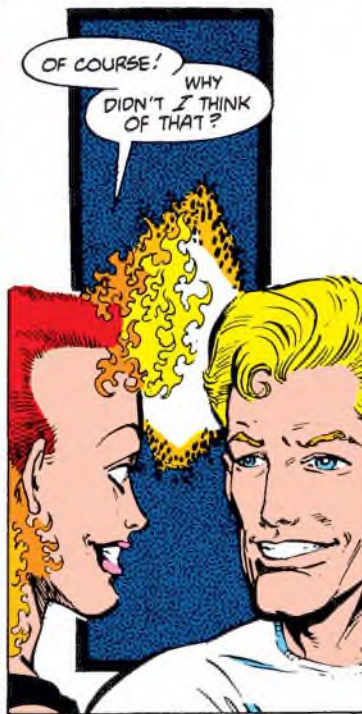
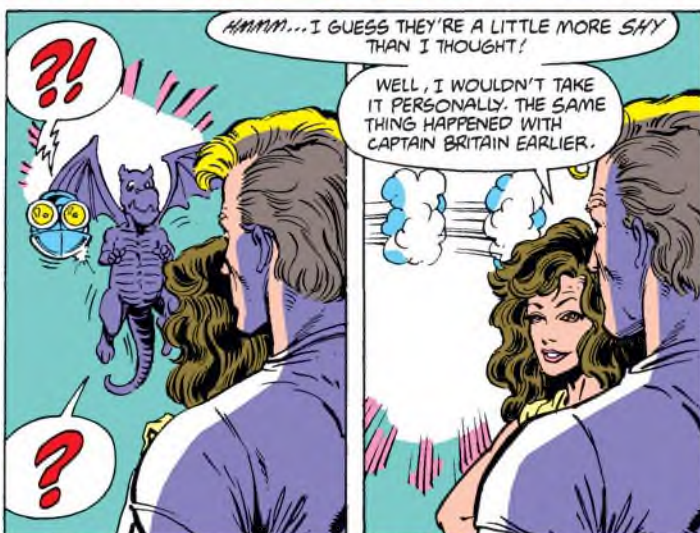
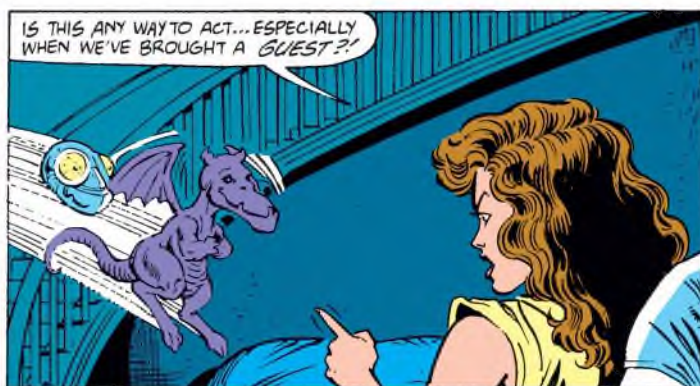
FROM NOW ON,  
NOTHING WILL STAND  
IN OUR WAY...

...AND NOTHING'S  
GOING TO BE ABLE TO  
KEEP US APART!

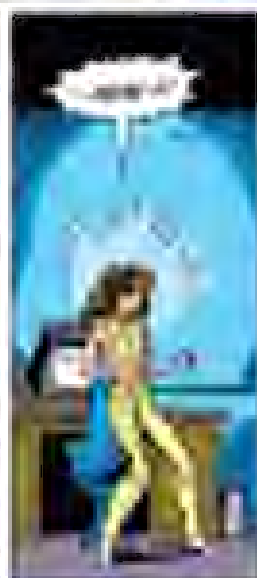
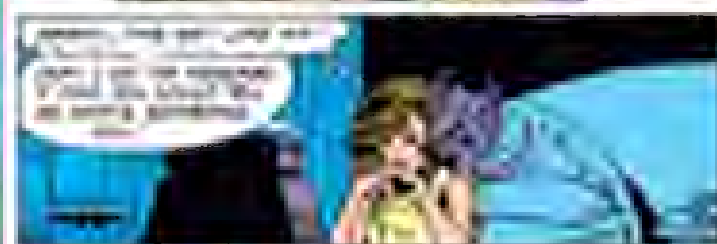
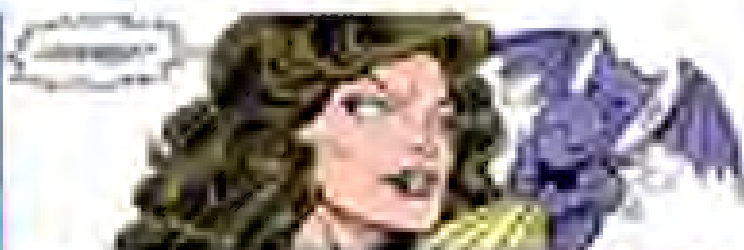




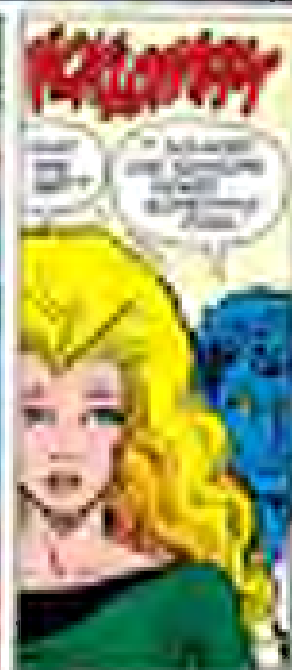
































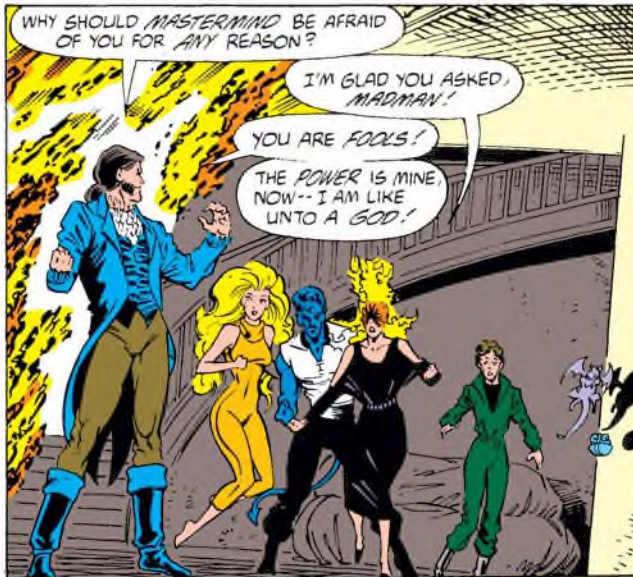












WHY SHOULD *MASTERMIND* BE AFRAID OF YOU FOR *ANY* REASON?

I'M GLAD YOU ASKED, *MADMAN!*

YOU ARE *FOOLS!*

THE *POWER* IS MINE, NOW-- I AM LIKE UNTO A *GOD!*



WILL YOU ATTEMPT TO DEFEAT ME WITH MORE OF YOUR *CHILDISH MASQUERADES?*



THAT WILL NO LONGER BE NECESSARY.



*EXCALIBUR* NO LONGER NEEDS SOMEONE WHO SIMPLY LOOKS LIKE SHE MIGHT BE *PHOENIX!*

YOU COUNTED ON *DECEIT* TO KEEP MY MIND *CLOUDED*--BUT THAT'S OVER NOW!

YOU MAY HAVE TAPPED INTO THE *POWER*--



--BUT I AM THE *POWER!*



